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Good Morning Optimists!

Such was the greeting from **President Ron** on this cold snowy morning. At the door, you couldn't have asked for a better pair of welcoming dudes, **Al Gapuzan** and **Frank Middleton**. Frank was managing our Camaraderie Day by "carding" everyone with a numbered playing card, signifying the table number assignment. Frank likes to mix things up; gets us out of our rut and forces us to visit with someone different for breakfast and meeting. Good idea! Thanks Al and Frank; good job!

Invocation and Pledge

Vice President **Frank Ross** was chosen by **President Ron** to address the Ever Living God to help us "forget the mistakes of the past" and to learn from them. He then led the us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Guests

Randy Marcove brought John Walker (the real estate doctor), **Ron Carlson** introduced Richard Kerr who he met at Hamilton's Super Citizen assembly, and **Ed Collins** brought his brother-in-law Frank Barello, visiting from Wyoming. Our special guest was **Abigail Nichols**, Lt. Governor, who applauded us for our consistent membership and array of projects "for the kids." She later treated us to her version of *Happy Birthday*, Marilyn Monroe style. I couldn't tell whom she was singing to; the steam was way too thick.

Awards

President Ron gave a Chili Cook-off award to **Tom Hoch**; he finally found his way back from the tropics to attend our meeting. Also, a Certificate of Membership was presented to Keith Galloway.



Tom Hoch, on right, finally received his long awaited Chili Cook-off award from President Ron Cisco. Tom, hang it on your wall proudly!
Photos by Don StJohn



New member, Keith Galloway, on the left, receives his Certificate of Membership to the ranks of The Optimist Club of Monaco South.

Announcements

Speakers: **Paul Bernard** said he is getting more kids into our meetings as speakers: the *Essay Contest*, *Super Citizen program*, etc., will provide living breathing evidence of our efforts. Good idea!

Wine Tasting and History Day: Karl Geil reminded us that the DTC Optimist Club will hold a wine tasting fund raiser on Saturday, March 20th and that the DPS's Regional History Day Tournament is on April 10th at Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences (formerly Hill Middle School).

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Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am
****INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN****

Announcements Cont.

Boy Scouts Projects: Donlie Smith called our attention to several Eagle Scout projects displayed about the room. Some projects required as many as 800 hours of work. Keith Gallaway and Tom Overton were on the evaluation committee.

On a Related Topic: Bob Avery, shared via email that there are some nice photos of “our eagles” if you click: <http://eaglescoutbanquet.shutterfly.com/> and use the password: “2010eagle.” Click down to pictures 150-175.

Furry Scurry: Don StJohn announced that he still needs ten (10) more volunteers to complete the roster for the Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry in Washington Park, Saturday, May 1st. As you know, Don is recruiting volunteers to be at Washington Park at 5:30 am to watch the sun rise and enjoy the coolness of the morning. The two-mile walk begins at 9:00 am. To register go to: <http://furryscurry2010.eventbrite.com/> and go to the bottom of the page for instructions. If you need assistance, call Jasmin Rice @ 303-751-5772, x7246.



World Sport Cup Stacking: Get involved as a judge for the World Sport Cup Stacking Championship, to be held at Magness Arena University of Denver on April 10th, 7:30 am to 3:00 pm, and April 11th, 7:30 am to Noon. Our club would receive \$40 for each member who volunteers. A signup sheet is available from Greg Young, For more info call Greg at 303-759-3921 or gndyoung@comcast.net.



Golf Anyone!: For the past several years, a group of Tamarac and Monaco South Optimist Club members and spouses have played a 9-hole round of golf late on Tuesday afternoons—June through September. This is not “serious” golf, but they usually play a regulation course. Golfers take turns hosting, and this includes providing a meal and drinks after the round as well as lining up tee times at the course selected for that week. An organizational meeting will be held on April 13th. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, call Joyce or Don Thomson, 303-757-4273 or Kathy or Jack Rife, 303-756-8042.



Prefect Attendance Program: Randy Marcove proudly announced that 21 kids were awarded with perfect attendance at Bradley International School.

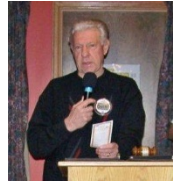
Club Directory: Craig Eley reminded us of the new directory he is producing. Please make changes on the directory circulating among the members.



St. Patrick's Day Parade Follow-up: Gary Strowbridge reported on the Pooper Scoopers at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. In addition to Gary, Curt Jefferies, John Young, Craig Eley, Harry Fegley, Tom Hoch, OC Larson, Fred Pasternack, Russ Paul, Allen Pierce, Bryce Slaby, Jim Tapp, Cy Regan, and Don StJohn scooped the poop. Go to the club's home webpage @ <http://www.monacosouth.org> and find the video link of our famous scoopers. *Some of these guys can really throw the s__t!* Thanks to Tom Hoch a nice video!

Election of 2010-2011 Officers:

Let's keep Oscar Sorensen smiling, he is seeking candidates for the Club's 2010-2011 leadership and Board of Directors. If interested please contact Oscar at 303-870-4493.



Bill Turman Services: Cy Regan announced the details of the memorial service for Bill Turman: Saturday, April 10th, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 1824 Broadway, 10:00 am.

9Health Fair: Remember the 9 Health Fair will be April 25, 2010 at Schlesmen's YMCA. See the website: <http://www.9healthfair.org/>.

Grocery Card Sales: Cy Regan reported sales of \$1,250 today—very good. Thanks, Cy, for doing this weekly for the 5% retained by the club!

Pot Drawing: No one drew the correct card this week. Once again the pot keeps growing.

Name Badge Drawing: In the name badge drawing, John Stoffel's name was called but he had apparently scampered out early. It is unknown whether he had been wearing a nametag, anyway.

Davy Crockett Died: When doing the Name Badge Drawing, Craig Eley announced the death of actor Fess Parker who played the part of Davy on TV moons ago. But we remembered the song, and sang it: “Davy, Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier.”

Weekly Greeters: Coordinated by Dick Cohen; to be one of these early-bird greeters contact Dick @ 303-320-1767 or richardmcohen@hotmail.com.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
3/26/10	Russ Paul & George Vassilaros
4/2/10	Frank Middleton & Tom McKee
4/9/10	Robert Avery & Paul Glieditsch
4/16/10	Greg Hurd & Woody Thibodeau

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Announcements Cont.

Camaraderie Day Happy Jar: President Ron meandered around the room accepting \$1 for each expression of happiness today. Proceeds are given to Childhood Cancer. **Oscar** had to put in an extra dollar for talking too long. **Craig Eley** was happy for a new car assisted by **Nick Newey**. **Abigail** was happy that **Donlie** is Zone 9 Membership Chair. Several others were happy for grandchildren's birthdays and births. Thanks to President Ron for this program during Camaraderie Day. We learn some interesting things about our fellow members, some humorous, some serious. By the way, our treasurer, **Greg Young** reported via an email, that our collection for Childhood Cancer via happy bucks today was \$35.00. Year to date we now have \$138.00. What a generous group!!

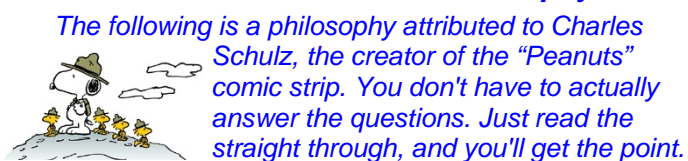
President Ron's Rebuke: Give credit to Ron for having the courage to rebuke us when it is needed. Apparently too many are not showing up at projects when signing up on the roster. The mantra is, "If you sign up, Show up!" It helps with all of our projects.

Authors and Project Announcements Needed: Do you want to get your project communicated in GUMS? Do you want to recognize those that assisted and carried out your project or activity? Do you just want to share a good story? Well then write it up and get it to the GUMS editor of the month. You can also just email it to Bob Finkelmeier at rfinkelmeier@comcast.net to get it published.

Super Citizen Presenters for March

Day	School	Presenter
24 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Harry Fegley
24 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Bill Litchfield

The Charlie Schultz Philosophy



The following is a philosophy attributed to Charles Schulz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read the straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headlines of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.



Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special!
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are NOT the ones with the most credentials...the most money...or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.



"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia!"

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Gary Maitland, Organ Transplants
Apr 10	Sat		DPS's Regional History Day Tournament, Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences
Apr 10 & 11	Sat & Sun		World Sport Cup Stacking, Magness Arena University of Denver
Apr 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Susie Hayes, <i>Silencing That Inner Critical Voice</i>
Apr 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending
May 1	Sat		State History Day Contest, Auraria Campus
May 1	Sat	5:30 am	Furry Scurry, Washington Park

Mark your calendar

Jul 4 - 9	Sun - Fri	2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games
Jul 8 - 10	Thu - Sat	92 nd Annual Optimist International Convention, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel: online registration @ http://www.optimist.org/reg/convreg_member.cfm

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
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THE OPTIMIST CREED — Promise Yourself . . .

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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